

Testimony of Environment and Human Health, Inc.
By Nancy Alderman, President
Bill 1063

*AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL
GROUNDS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC SPACES, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN
MICROBIALS AND REESTABLISHING THE PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL.*

Senator Ted Kennedy, Representative James Albis and Members of the Environment Committee

Environment and Human Health, Inc. (EHHI) is in strong opposition to this Bill

There are two reasons why EHHI opposes this Bill.

1. The section of this Bill that deals with grub control is not strong enough to solve the problem that some fields have with grubs. Grubs are truly disruptive to the playability of a field. Sometimes the grub infestations can be handled organically and sometimes they are resistant. There needs to be a "careful" exemption for grub control and this Bill does not adequately allow for that.
2. EHHI opposes establishing a Pesticide Advisory Council. The pesticide industry has been advocating this for years and the state has consistently turned it down. The state should continue to do that. Pesticides are one of the most researched toxins we have, the scientific research is vast and clear. Pesticides are designed to kill living things and therefore they need to be used with caution - always weighing the risks. The proposal for an Pesticides Advisory Council should be turned down.

Thank you for your attention,
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